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1. IN AN ANNUAL SPEECH BEFORE THE LOCAL AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON APRIL 15, THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK, DIOGENES FERNANDEZ, DEVOTED SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. HE ANNOUNCED THE IMMEDIATE CREATION OF A NEW INSTITUTION TO WORK IN THIS AREA: THE DOMINICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (INSTITUTO DOMINICANO DE TECHNOLOGIA--INDOTEC). THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ADVANCED STUDIES (CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION Y ESTUDIOS AVANZADOS--CIEA), CREATED ONLY LAST AUGUST, WILL BECOME A SUBDIVISION OF INDOTEC.

- 2. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNOR, QUOTE INDOTEC'S FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES ARE TO ASSIST IN THE COUNTRY'S TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROCESS AND TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL SERVICES TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES FOR THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT. UNQUOTE
- 3. CIEA SPECIALIZES IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TEACHING AND TRAINING PROGRAMS AT INTERMEDIATE LEVELS. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, CIEA HAS CONDUCTED 14 COURCES AND THREE SEMINARS, IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF PROMINENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL SPECIALISTS. ITS PRONOUNCED AIM IS THE

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ABILITIES AND SKILLS OF THE COUNTRY'S HUMAN RESOURCES.

4. TOGETHER, INDOTEC AND CIEA ARE EXPECTED TO HELP FILL A NEED WHICH THE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: QUOTE OUR PRESENT ECONOMIC JUNCTURE REQUIRES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SERIES OF COORDINATED ACTIONS GEARED TOWARDS STIMULATING THE COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIAL SECTOR TO USE MORE DOMESTIC RAW MATERIALS AND LABOR, THROUGH A GRADUAL INCORPORATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTION SYSTEMS THAT OFFER GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS STILL EXCLUDED FROM THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY DUE TO UNDERDEVELOPMENT. UNQUOTE

5. COMMENT: THE SAME WEEK THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED THE FILLING OF THE POSITION OF TECHNICAL SECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENCY, A POSITION WHOSE INCUMBENT HAD BEEN INCAPACITATED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY IS ENTRUSTED WITH WORKING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

6. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF SPEECH AS REPORTED REFTEL B). HURWITCH

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